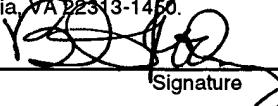


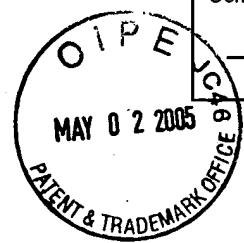
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: 1614

BETH ANNE PIPER

Examiner: R. Cook

APPLICATION NO: 09/460,920

FILED: DECEMBER 14, 1999

FOR: METHOD FOR TREATING DIABETES

Commissioner for Patents
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LETTER

Sir:

On November 16, 2004 Applicants submitted a "Petition to Revive Abandoned Application Under 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b)" to revive the subject application which was abandoned unintentionally through failure to comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.114 by filing an improper RCE.

On April 15, 2005, a decision to dismiss the above petition was issued (copy attached). The petition was dismissed for failure to include payment of the issue fee and publication fee in the subject application.

On April 25, 2005, the undersigned attorney discussed the petition with Edward J. Tannouse who dismissed the petition. Mr. Tannouse indicated that the petition should be resubmitted with the issue fee and publication fee.

Attached is the Petition as originally submitted. In addition, authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 19-3880 for the issue fee and publication fee for a total of \$1,600 is enclosed herewith.

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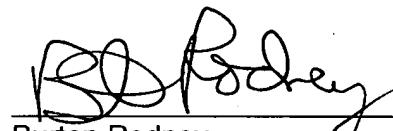
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It is submitted that inasmuch as the petition fee of \$1,370 was already charged to Applicants' Deposit Account No. 19-3880, the petition fee need not be paid again.

Please note that although Applicants have authorized payment of the issue fee, the subject application should not be allowed to issue and that the application should be abandoned in favor of the RCE previously submitted and which is now in compliance with the 37 C.F.R. 1.114.

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that a favorable decision on the instant petition be granted.

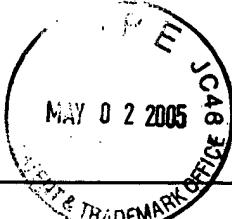
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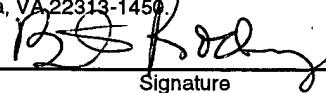


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AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 19-3880
FOR ISSUE FEE AND PUBLICATION FEE

Sir:

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-3880 in the name of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company in the amount of \$1600 for payment of the issue fee and publication fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-3880 in the name of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company.

Respectfully submitted,


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OFFICE OF PETITIONS

In re Application of :
Beth Anne Piper :
Application No. 09/460,920 : ON PETITION
Filed: December 14, 1999 :
Attorney Docket No. LA0046A :
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b), filed November 18, 2004, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **dismissed**.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b)."

This application became abandoned for failure to timely pay the issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, on or before May 12, 2003. Accordingly, this application became abandoned on May 13, 2003.

Effective December 1, 1997, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) now provide that where the delay in reply was unintentional, a petition may be filed to revive an abandoned application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b). A grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

- (1) the required reply, unless previously filed.
In a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may be met by the filing of a continuing application. In an application, abandoned or lapsed for failure to pay

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the issue fee or any portion thereof, the required reply must be the payment of the issue fee or any outstanding balance thereof.

(2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m);

(3) a statement that the **entire** delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional; and

(4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(d).

The instant petition does not satisfy requirement (1) above.

Please note MPEP 706.07(h):

A. Treatment of Improper RCE

If one or more conditions for filing an RCE have not been satisfied, applicant will be so notified. Generally, a "Notice of Improper Request for Continued Examination (RCE)," Form PTO-2051, will be mailed to applicant. An *improper RCE will not operate to toll the running of any time period set in the previous Office action for reply to avoid abandonment of the application.* (Emphasis added).

As such, the \$1400.00 issue fee and \$300.00 publication must be submitted in order to revive the above-identified application. Neither fee has been submitted, nor is an authorization to change said fees found with the instant petition.

Accordingly, the petition must be dismissed.

Further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed as follows:

By mail: Mail Stop Petition
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Alexandria, VA 22313

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: 1614

BETH ANNE PIPER

Examiner: R. Cook

APPLICATION NO: 09/460,920

FILED: DECEMBER 14, 1999

FOR: METHOD FOR TREATING DIABETES

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PETITION TO REVIVE
ABANDONED APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b)

Sir:

Petitioner, Bristol-Myers Squibb Company, owner of the subject application via an Assignment recorded on December 14, 1999 on Reel 010463 and Frame 0160, respectfully petitions the Commissioner to revive the subject application which was abandoned unintentionally through failure to comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.114 by filing an improper Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. 1.114.

Under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 a request for continued examination of the application must be accompanied by a submission and the fee set forth in §1.17(e)(2) prior to abandonment of the application. The submission may be an information disclosure statement.

In fact, after a Notice of Allowance mailed February 11, 2003 (Exhibit A) was received in the subject application, instead of paying the issue fee by the May 11, 2003 due date, Applicant filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) on May 9, 2003, a copy of which is attached (Exhibit B). However, Applicant failed to file the required Submission under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 with the Request.

It was not until May 28, 2004 that Applicant filed a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (copy enclosed, Exhibit C) which would have qualified as a Submission if filed before the subject application was abandoned. On August 30, 2004, Applicant filed yet a second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (copy enclosed, Exhibit D).

On October 4, 2004, Applicant received a "Notice of Improper Request For Continued Examination (RCE)", copy of which is attached (Exhibit E) wherein in paragraph 7 thereof it is indicated that the request was not accompanied by the required submission, as signed by Ms. F. Patterson. It was not until receipt of this "Notice" that Applicant's attorney was aware that the RCE filed on May 4, 2003 was improper.

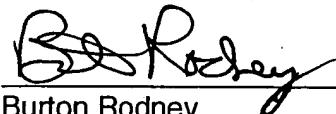
In the past month, the undersigned attorney of record has been in contact with Examiner Rebecca Cook, Ms. F. Patterson, Ms. Brenda Gray, Ms. Margaret Stevens and Ms. Rene Jones of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in an effort to determine what had to be done to correct the deficiency in the RCE and/or otherwise revive the subject application.

On November 1, 2004, the undersigned attorney spoke with Ms. Margaret Stevens who informed him that the application would have to be revived.

- (1) This Petition will serve as a reply to the "Notice".
- (2) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-3880 in the name of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company in the amount of \$1,370.00, the petition fee as set forth in §1.117(m) for filing a petition for the revival of an unintentionally abandoned application.
- (3) The entire delay in filing the required submission with the RCE from the due date for the reply (August 12, 2003 - the due date for filing the issue fee based on the May 12, 2003 Notice of Allowance or for filing an RCE) until the filing of the present Petition was unintentional. As indicated, Applicants' attorney was unaware of the deficiency in the RCE filed on May 9, 2003 until received the Notice on October 4, 2004.

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that this petition to revive this application be granted and that the RCE be reinstated. The required Submission has been previously filed on May 28, 2004, with the filing of a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

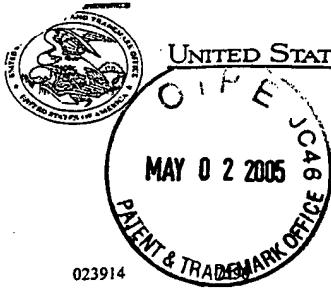
Respectfully submitted,



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Date: November 16, 2004



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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/460,920	12/14/1999	BETH ANNE PIPER	LA0046A	3115

TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD FOR TREATING DIABETES

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
nonprovisional	NO	\$1300	\$300	\$1600	05/12/2003

THE APPLICATION IDENTIFIED ABOVE HAS BEEN EXAMINED AND IS ALLOWED FOR ISSUANCE AS A PATENT. PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS CLOSED. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. THIS APPLICATION IS SUBJECT TO WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE AT THE INITIATIVE OF THE OFFICE OR UPON PETITION BY THE APPLICANT. SEE 37 CFR 1.313 AND MPEP 1308.

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Applicant claims SMALL ENTITY status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.

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III. All communications regarding this application must give the application number. Please direct all communications prior to issuance to Box ISSUE FEE unless advised to the contrary.

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	Filing Date	December 14, 1999
	First Named Inventor	Piper
	Art Unit	1614
	Examiner Name	R. Cook
	Attorney Docket Number	LA0046a CIP-1

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

a. Previously submitted

- Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on _____
- Other _____

b. Enclosed

- Amendment/Reply
- Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)
- Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to
a. Deposit Account No. 19-3880

- RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) - \$750.00
- Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
- Other _____

b. Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	Burton Rodney	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	22,076
Signature	<i>Burton Rodney</i>	Date	May 9, 2003

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This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.114. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, Box RCE, Washington, DC 20231.

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BETH ANNE PIPER
APPLICATION NO: 09/460,920
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Examiner: R. Cook

Mail Stop Box Amendment
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicant wishes to call the Examiner's attention to the references cited on the attached form(s) PTO-1449.

The reference was cited in a search report in a corresponding Georgian application. A copy of the reference and the search report are enclosed herewith.

A petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d) is enclosed herewith.

The Examiner is requested to consider the foregoing information in relation to this application and indicate that each reference was considered by returning a copy of the initialed PTO 1449 form(s).

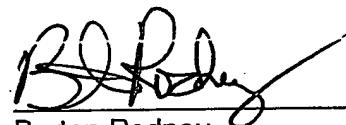
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Certificate under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1)

I, the undersigned attorney, hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

Respectfully submitted,



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PETITION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.97(d)

Sir:

Consideration of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement submitted concurrently herewith is requested. Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-3880 in the name of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company in the amount of \$130 for payment of the fee for filing this petition.

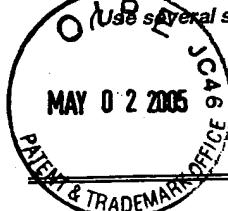
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SEARCH REPORT

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III. Documentation Considered to be Relevant		
Category	Citation of document with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No
Y	WO 9929314 (SQUIB BRISTOL MYERS CO) 17.06.1999	cl. 31-36
Y	Lemaire V., La metformine doit-elle etre associee a un sulfamide ou utilisee seule., Concours med., 1996, 7, p.436-437	cl. 31-36
Y	US 5922769 (BARELLI GILLOO et al.) 13.07.1999	cl. 31-36

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IV. Certification

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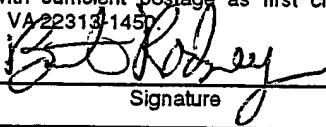
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BETH ANNE PIPER

Examiner: R. Cook

APPLICATION NO: 09/460,920

FILED: DECEMBER 14, 1999

FOR: METHOD FOR TREATING DIABETES

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicant wishes to call the Examiner's attention to the reference cited on the attached form PTO-1449.

This reference was cited in a search report in a corresponding Australian application. A copy of this reference and the search report are enclosed herewith.

The Examiner is requested to consider the foregoing information in relation to this application and indicate that each reference was considered by returning a copy of the initialed PTO 1449 form(s).



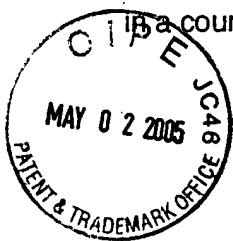
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Certificate under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1)

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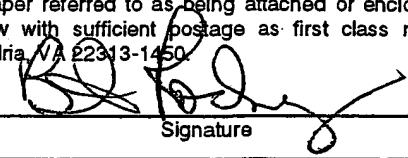
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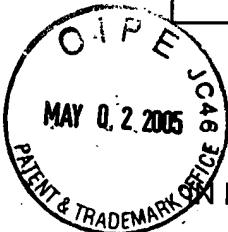
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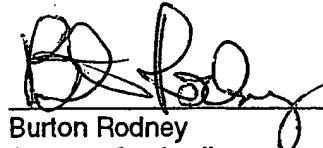
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Sir:

Consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement submitted concurrently herewith is requested. Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-3880 in the name of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company in the amount of \$180 for payment of the fee for filing this petition.

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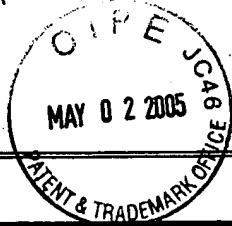
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The request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 filed on May 12, 2003 is improper for reason(s) indicated below:

- 1. Continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to an application for a design patent. Applicant may wish to consider filing a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) or a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d). An RCE cannot be treated as a CPA.
- 2. Continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to an application that was filed before June 8, 1995. Applicant may wish to consider filing a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b).
- 3. Continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to an application unless prosecution in the application is closed. If the RCE was accompanied by a reply to a non-final Office action, the reply will be entered and considered under 37 CFR 1.111. If the RCE was not accompanied by a reply, the time period set forth in the last Office action continues to run from the mailing date of that action.
- 4. The request was not filed before payment of the issue fee, and no petition under 37 CFR 1.313 was granted. If this application has not yet issued as a patent, applicant may wish to consider filing either a petition under 37 CFR 1.313 to withdraw this application from issue, or a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b).
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Note: A continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 CFR 1.53(d) cannot be filed in a utility or plant application. A CPA filed in a utility or plant application that has a filing date on or after June 8, 1995 will be treated as an RCE under 37 CFR 1.114. The request for a CPA in the instant application, however, has been treated as an improper RCE for the reason(s) indicated above.

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